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1. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FEDERATE: ALL BUT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL  
MADRID-BASED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUPINGS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED  
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (FSD). THE SIX CONSTITUENT  
GROUPS FORMED A 12-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ANNOUNCED  
THEIR INTENTION TO HOLD A CONGRESS IN OCTOBER. THEIR OBJECTIVE  
IS THE FORMATION OF A "GREAT CENTER-LEFT MASS PARTY," AND THEY  
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INTEND TO WORK FOR AN ELECTORAL ALLIANCE WITH "LIKE-MINDED

GROUPS" (READ CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, LIBERALS AND MODERATE SOCIALISTS).

2. THE 6 MEMBERS OF THE FSD ARE: SPANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC UNION(USDE); SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PSD) OF MANUEL DIEZ ALEGRIA, JR.; SPANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEFT (ISDE) OF FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ; SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CONVERGENCE (CSD); INDEPENDENT SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (SDI); AND "SOLIDARIDAD." OF THE MAJRID GROUPS, ONLY THE SPANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PSDE) OF THE CONTROVERSIAL AND INDEPENDENT-MINDED ANTONIO GARCIA LOPEZ REMAINS OUTSIDE THE FSD. (COMMENT: ALL OF THESE ARE MINI-GROUPS AND, EVEN AS A FEDERATION, THEIR POTENTIAL ELECTORAL APPEAL IS QUESTIONABLE. HOWEVER, THERE IS MUCH TALK--BUT NOT MUCH MORE THAN TALK AS YET--OF AN EVENTUAL ELECTORAL ALLIANCE GROUPING LIBERALS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, WHICH COULD PRODUCE ONE OF THE 3 OR 4 STRONGEST SLATES IN A FREE CONTEST.)

3. PSOE "HISTORICALS" SQUABBLE: THE BREAKDOWN OF THE "HISTORICALS" REUNIFICATION TALKS WITH THE PSOE OF FELIPE GONZALEZ HAS ENGENDERED A CRISIS WITHIN THE ALREADY DEPLETED HISTORICAL WING WHICH MAY AUGMENT THE RANKS OF THE PSOE. HISTORICAL BRANCH PRESIDENT ALFONSO FERNANDEZ AND THREE OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SUPPORTED BY SOME RANK AND FILE ELEMENTS, HAVE RESIGNED OVER WHAT THEY CHARGE IS THE UNAUTHORIZED IMPOSITION OF NEW REUNIFICATION CONDITIONS BY THEIR OWN NEGOTIATORS' SECRETARY GENERAL VICTOR SALAZAR AND VICE PRESIDENT OVIDIO SALCEDO.

4. FERNANDEZ AND HIS FOLLOWERS BLAME THESE NEW CONDITIONS--THE ABOLITION OF ALL PSOE TIES WITH THE PCE, INCLUDING PLATAJUNTA MEMBERSHIP, AND EQUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE HISTORICAL BRANCH AT ANY REUNIFICATION CONGRESS--FOR THE BREAKDOWN OF TALKS, AND AT A TIME WHEN THEY SEE REUNIFICATION AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. AT THIS TIME, SALAZAR AND SALCEDO APPEAR UNDER PRESSURE FROM PRO-UNIFICATION HISTORICALS, WHO SEEM TO BE PREPARED TO MOVE DEFINITELY TOWARD REUNIFICATION WHETHER OR NOT SALAZAR, SALCEDO AND THEIR FOLLOWERS COME ALONG. (COMMENT: FROM WHAT PSOE LEADER ENRIQUE MUGICA RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF (REFAIR), THE DROPPING BY THE HISTORICALS OF THE NEW SALAZAR/SALCEDO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONDITIONS WOULD APPEAR TO OPEN THE WAY FOR REUNIFICATION AT THE PSOE'S OCTOBER CONGRESS.)

5. SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) MEETS IN ROME: THE SPANISH PRESS REPORTS THAT, UNDER PRESIDENT DOLORES IBARRURI (LA PASIONARIA) AND SECRETARY GENERAL SANTIAGO CARRILLO, ABOUT 100 PCE LEADERS ON JULY 28 BEGAN A 3-DAY MEETING IN ROME. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, LEADERS

OF THE BASQUE AND GALICIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND THE UNIFIED SOCIALIST PARTY OF CATALUNA (PSUC), THE PCE'S CATALAN INCARNATION, ARE IN ATTENDENCE, AS ARE SUCH NOTABLES AS WORKERS COMMISSION LEADER MARCELINO CAMACHO (WHO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, OPENLY DECLARED HIS ALLEGIANCE TO THE PCE), WORKER-PRIEST FRANCISCO GARCIA SALVE, AND ECONOMIST RAMON TAMAMES. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPANISH PSOE, POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP), AND POPULAR DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (FPD) REPORTEDLY ARE ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS.

6. WE EXPECT SPANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF THE MEETINGS PUBLIC EVENTS AND STATEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ROME'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE GET-TOGETHER, AND ANY "INSIDE" INFORMATION ON SUCH THINGS AS THE PCE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SUAREZ GOVT, LABOR REFORM, LIKELY TACTICS IN THE COMING MONTHS, AND PARTICULARLY, THE POSSIBILITY OF TOP LEADERSHIP CHANGES. STABLER

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